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37 REPLY TO:

Ms. Patricia M. Derian
Coordinator for Human Rights
and Humanitarian Affairs
Department of State
2201 C Street
Room 7802
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Derian:

CONFIDENTIAL ACTION
DEPARTMENT OF STATE is assigned to
PLEASE REVIEWED BY WGN/MS DATE HA 7/30/82
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I would like to request your assistance in regard to
a situation which has just been brought to my attention.

Not enclosed
please get from
Mr. L's
office

Mr. James Durant IV, a long-time friend and President
of the Central Florida Chapter of Concerned Democrats, has
been trying to sponsor a Vietnamese refugee, Mr. Nguyen Binh
Hien, who is currently in the Vietnamese refugee camp in
Ratchasima in Thailand. In his letter to me, a copy of
which is enclosed, Mr. Durant states that he believes the
U. S. Embassy officials in Thailand are attempting to dis-
courage Mr. Hien from accepting his sponsorship. This
harassment has occurred since a petition of political asylum
was filed by Mr. Durant's attorney.

I would be most appreciative of any favorable action
you would be able to exert on behalf of Mr. Hien. If there
is anything that you feel I might do to assist in the
resolution of this case, please let me know.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Bill Lehman

WILLIAM LEHMAN
Member of Congress

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cc: Mr. James Durant IV
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